

## Prayer for a new Bishop for our Diocese

1. Loving God,  
in your faithfulness,  
grant to the Diocese of Sale  
a shepherd whose watchful care  
and kindly zeal  
will continue the good work  
of his predecessors.

In your love for us,  
give us a shepherd who will lead us  
in being Christ's heart of mercy,  
voice of hope, and hands of justice.

Help him to fill our minds and hearts  
with the truth of the Gospel,  
the power of the sacraments,  
and the desire to build up your holy Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2. All glory to You, Lord our God,  
our eternal Shepherd and Guide.  
In your faithfulness,  
grant to the Diocese of Sale  
a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal  
will be a constant witness of faith and love  
to the people entrusted to his care.

In Your love for us,  
may he strive to live more and more each day  
with holiness of life and heroic virtue  
so that he will lead Your holy people in all truth  
by being Christ's heart of mercy,  
voice of hope, and mind of justice.

Prepare him, we humbly pray, to fill our minds and hearts  
with the truth of the Gospel,  
the power of the sacraments,  
and the desire to actively work to build up your holy Church.  
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.